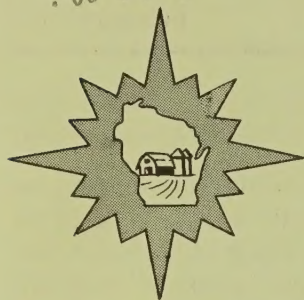


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Cream of the News

Milk production on Wisconsin farms during January increased 5 percent from December and was 2 percent above a year earlier.

Milk prices had a slight seasonal decline from December to January but at \$5.54 a hundredweight were 24 cents above January 1971.

Production of all cheese in the Nation during 1971 was up 8 percent from 1970 and butter output increased 1 percent.

Wholesale prices of Swiss and cheddar cheese increased from December to January but butter prices were lower.

Red meat production in Wisconsin during December was 8½ percent under a year earlier as the pork supply was down sharply.

Higher prices for most farm products except milk, eggs, and soybeans resulted in a 3 point gain in the prices received index from December to January.

The annual inventory survey of livestock and poultry on Wisconsin farms showed an increase in all cattle and chickens but a decline in hogs and sheep and lambs.

Barrow and gilt prices at St. Paul during January were well above a year earlier and the highest since July 1970.

Wisconsin farmers paid an average of \$18.50 a head for feeder pigs in January, nearly double the price of a year ago.

The annual average number of milk cows on Wisconsin farms during 1971 increased for the first time since 1955.

Beef cattle prices at the St. Paul market in January were above both the previous month and last year.

The Nation's supply of meat in cold storage at the end of January was about the same as a year earlier but cheese and butter stocks were lower.

MILK PRODUCTION CONTINUES HIGHER

Production of milk on Wisconsin dairy farms during January 1972 totaled 1,540 million pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Milk production increased 5 percent from December to January, the same gain as shown for those months a year earlier. Output per cow averaged 825 pounds in January, 5 pounds more than January 1971.

The Nation's milk production of 9,635 million pounds during January was about 1 percent above a year ago. Production increased 2 percent from December to January compared with a 3 percent gain for those months a year earlier. Output per cow, at 785 pounds in January, was up 2 percent from last year.

Based on an annual review of more complete production and utilization data, the revised 1971 milk production for the Nation was 118,640 million pounds. This was more than 1 percent above the 1970 output. Wisconsin's 1971 milk production totaled 18,879 million pounds, nearly 2½ percent above 1970 and the highest annual output since 1964. Wisconsin produced almost 16 percent of the Nation's milk supply in 1971.

Milk Production

Selected States	January 1971	January 1972	Change from last year	Revised Jan.-Dec. 1971
	Million pounds		Percent	Million pounds
Wisconsin	1,515	1,540	+ 2	18,879
Minnesota	868	854	- 2	9,618
Iowa	375	371	- 1	4,577
New York	860	839	- 2	10,388
Pennsylvania	585	592	+ 1	7,142
California	753	765	+ 2	9,708
Other states	4,614	4,674	+ 1	58,328
United States ...	9,570	9,635	+ 1	118,640

MILK PRICE SHOWS SMALL SEASONAL DECLINE

Dairy farmers in Wisconsin are expected to receive an average of \$5.54 a hundredweight for all milk sold during January, a slight seasonal decline of 2 cents from December but 24 cents higher than January 1971.

The December all milk price of \$5.56 a hundredweight was the highest ever received for any month. Milk prices for December increased 6 cents from November compared with a decline of 1 cent from November to December 1970. Milkfat content for December averaged 3.80 percent, the same as the previous year.

Producers for the Grade A market received an average of \$5.76 a hundredweight in December, up 4 cents from November and 16 cents above a year earlier. Manufacturing grade milk, at \$5.30 a hundredweight in December, was 9 cents more than the previous month and 10 cents higher than December 1970. The price spread between market and manufacturing grade milk was 46 cents for December compared with 40 cents a year earlier.

Milk Prices 1/

Selected States	November 1971		December price per cwt.			Jan. 1972 price per cwt. 2/
	Average test	Price per cwt.	1970	1971	71/70 change	
	Percent	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	Dollars
Milk for all uses						
Wisconsin	3.84	5.50	5.43	5.56	+ 2	5.54
Minnesota	3.71	5.10	5.07	5.15	+ 2	5.10
Iowa	3.71	5.31	5.37	5.38	N. C.	5.39
New York	3.70	6.60	6.34	6.40	+ 1	6.45
California	3.69	5.80	5.64	6.00	+ 6	5.95
United States ...	3.78	6.17	6.07	6.18	+ 2	6.14
Wisconsin utilization						
Market milk	3.83	5.72	5.60	5.76	+ 3	XXX
Manufacturing milk	3.85	5.21	5.20	5.30	+ 2	XXX
Creameries	3.84	5.14	5.13	5.17	+ 1	XXX
Cheese factories .	3.85	5.23	5.21	5.32	+ 2	XXX
Varied prod. plants	3.85	5.13	5.17	5.19	N. C.	XXX

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. They differ from basic buying prices which are for 3.5% milk. 2/Based on preliminary information for milk of average test.

Wisconsin 3.5 Test Milk Prices 1/

Utilization	Dec. 1970	Nov. 1971	Dec. 1971 2/	Change from last year
	Dollars per cwt.			Percent
Milk for all uses	4.98	5.01	5.12	+ 3
Market milk	5.14	5.23	5.31	+ 3
Manufacturing milk	4.78	4.74	4.87	+ 2
Creameries	4.64	4.69	4.77	+ 3
American cheese plants	4.80	4.75	4.89	+ 2
Varied products plants	4.75	4.67	4.78	+ 1
Federal Order Markets				
Chicago Regional Base Zone 3/	5.53	5.55	5.58	+ 1

1/Computed equivalents. 2/Preliminary. 3/Includes Milwaukee County, Wisconsin and Winnebago County, Illinois.

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MORE CHEESE BUT LESS BUTTER BEING MADE

Weekly receipts of milk by dairy plants indicate that production of American cheese in both Wisconsin and the Nation during January will be above a year earlier but butter output will be lower. The Nation's production of American cheese in January may be 9 percent more than the previous year following a 3 percent increase in December. Wisconsin's December production of American cheese was up 2 percent from a year earlier and January's output is expected to show a gain of about 6 percent.

Creameries in the Nation may churn 3 percent less butter in January than a year ago. The National production of butter in December was 5 percent under the previous year. Wisconsin's output of butter during January should be lower than the 1 percent decline shown in December.

Recent Changes in Butter and Cheese Output

Periods	Butter			American Cheese		
	United States	Wisconsin		United States	Wisconsin	
	Production 1971	Change from last year	Change from last year	Production 1971	Change from last year	Change from last year
	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent
Months 1971						
Dec.	88,690	- 5	- 1	115,695	+ 3	+ 2
Jan.-Dec. .	1,142,505	+ 1	+ 3	1,517,495	+ 6	+ 3
Weeks ending in 1972:						
Jan. 6 .	24,350	- 4	- 4	28,650	+ 10	+ 5
Jan. 13 .	22,100	N. C.	- 4	26,900	+ 10	+ 6
Jan. 20 .	22,200	- 4	- 14	27,600	+ 8	+ 7
Jan. 27 .	23,300	- 4	- 4	28,200	+ 8	+ 6
Total	91,950	- 3	XXX	111,350	+ 9	XXX

WHOLESALE CHEESE PRICES HIGHER

Wholesale prices of Swiss and Cheddar cheese at Wisconsin assembly points increased from December to January. Block Swiss cheese, Wisconsin State Brand, averaged 70½ cents a pound in January, a gain of about 2½ cents from December and more than 4½ cents above a year earlier. The January wholesale price of Swiss cheese was the highest since March 1970. Cheddar cheese, 40 pound blocks, averaged 58½ cents a pound for January, nearly a third of a cent above December and 2½ cents greater than January 1971.

Wholesale prices of 92-score butter at New York averaged 68¾ cents a pound during January, down about ¼ cent from the previous month and 2 cents under a year ago.

Wholesale Dairy Prices

Commodity	January 1971	December 1971	January 1972 1/
Butter, 92-score, New York, pound . . .	70.75¢	68.99¢	68.75¢
Cheese, Cheddar, Wisconsin primary markets, 40 lb. blocks, pound 2/ . .	56.00¢	58.21¢	58.50¢
Cheese, Swiss, Wisconsin State Brand, block pound 2/	65.88¢	68.10¢	70.50¢
Evaporated milk, North Central States, case, 48-14½ oz. cans, range	\$8.00-8.60	\$7.70-9.08	\$ — —
Nonfat dry milk solids, spray, Chicago area, pound	26.91¢	31.63¢	31.31¢

1/Preliminary estimates. 2/Selling prices, f.o.b. at Wisconsin assembly points.

1971 CHEESE PRODUCTION INCREASES 8 PERCENT

Production of all cheese in the Nation during 1971 was up 8 percent from the previous year. Output of Italian cheese in 1971 was 15 percent greater than a year earlier and Swiss cheese production increased 9 percent. Showing gains of 6 percent from 1970 to 1971 were American, Brick and Muenster, and all other varieties combined.

Wisconsin's production of American cheese during 1971 was 3 percent more than a year earlier. Minnesota increased its output of American cheese 28 percent from 1970 to 1971. Production of American cheese in Missouri during 1971 was 4 percent above 1970 and all other states had a gain of 6 percent.

The Nation's butter production for 1971 was up 1 percent from 1970 as higher output in the first half of the year offset declining production in the second half. Production of butter in Wisconsin during 1971 was 3 percent more than 1970 due to a greater output in the first quarter of the year. Butter churnings in Minnesota for 1971 were 7 percent below a year earlier. Iowa's 1971 butter output was down 1 percent from the previous year but all other states had an increase of 4 percent.

Cottage cheese production in the Nation during 1971 was 4 percent more than in 1970 and ice cream output rose 1 percent.

Current Dairy Products Estimates

Item and area	Dec. 1970	Dec. 1971	Jan.- Dec. 1971	Change from last year	
				Dec.	Jan.-Dec.
	1,000 pounds			Percent	
BUTTER					
Wisconsin	15,514	15,300	203,940	- 1	+ 3
Minnesota	24,151	21,650	277,995	- 10	- 7
Iowa	7,640	7,300	94,300	- 4	- 1
Other states	45,804	44,440	566,270	- 3	+ 4
United States	93,109	88,690	1,142,505	- 5	+ 1
CHEESE, AMERICAN					
Wisconsin	49,740	50,500	673,050	+ 2	+ 3
Minnesota	12,713	14,500	164,705	+ 14	+ 28
Missouri	5,942	5,930	90,330	N. C.	+ 4
Other states	43,679	44,765	589,410	+ 2	+ 6
United States	112,074	115,695	1,517,495	+ 3	+ 6
CHEESE, MISCELLANEOUS					
United States					
Swiss	10,516	13,945	157,505	+ 33	+ 9
Brick and Muenster ..	4,630	4,830	59,470	+ 4	+ 6
Limburger	230	215	2,580	- 7	- 8
Italian	36,531	42,290	451,560	+ 16	+ 15
All other	19,270	20,840	191,805	+ 8	+ 6
Total	71,177	82,120	862,920	+ 15	+ 11
ALL CHEESE					
United States	183,251	197,815	2,380,415	+ 8	+ 8
OTHER PRODUCTS					
Cottage Cheese					
United States					
Curd 1/	53,005	56,070	756,555	+ 6	+ 4
Creamed 2/	71,237	75,505	1,019,160	+ 6	+ 4
	1,000 gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream					
Wisconsin	1,568	1,570	20,715	N. C.	- 3
Illinois	2,849	2,350	40,715	- 18	+ 2
Iowa	584	610	7,840	+ 4	- 2
Michigan	2,609	2,530	36,665	- 3	- 1
Minnesota	2,206	2,150	28,995	- 3	+ 3
Other states	43,498	43,005	637,455	- 1	+ 1
United States	53,314	52,215	772,385	- 2	+ 1

1/Includes cottage, pot, and bakers' cheese with a milkfat content of less than 4 percent. 2/Includes cheese with a milkfat content of 4 to 19 percent.

FEEDER PIG PRICES CONTINUE TO RISE

Wisconsin farmers paid an average of \$18.50 a head in January for a feeder pig averaging 41 pounds. This price was \$4.20 more than in October 1971 and nearly double the \$9.35 a head paid in January a year ago.

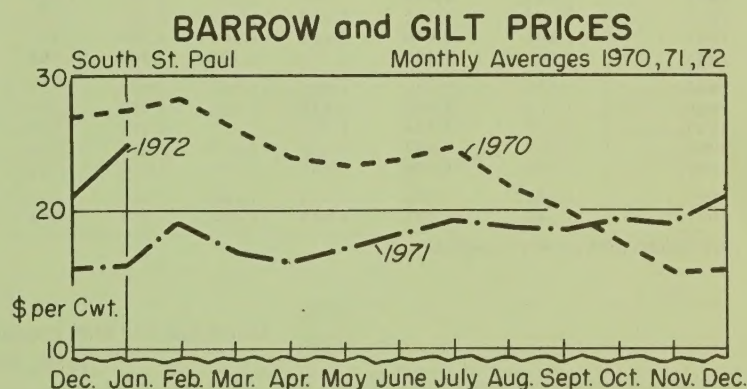
Wisconsin Feeder Pig Prices and Weights 1/

Year	January	April	July	October
Dollars per head				
1964.....	9.45	11.30	9.95	10.00
1965.....	10.50	12.10	13.00	15.15
1966.....	20.65	20.00	16.60	16.30
1967.....	14.50	14.75	15.20	14.90
1968.....	13.70	15.40	15.10	15.20
1969.....	14.00	16.40	17.80	19.00
1970.....	21.50	24.50	18.80	12.60
1971.....	9.35	12.05	12.80	14.30
1972.....	18.50			
Pounds per head				
1964.....	43	41	41	41
1965.....	42	40	40	40
1966.....	41	40	40	41
1967.....	42	41	41	41
1968.....	42	40	41	41
1969.....	41	41	41	41
1970.....	41	39	40	40
1971.....	41	40	40	41
1972.....	41			

1/Prices paid by farmers and weights are average for the month as reported by Wisconsin Crop Correspondents.

HOG MARKET SHOWS STRENGTH

Barrow and gilt prices at the St. Paul market increased by more than \$5 during January. They averaged \$24.59 a hundredweight for the month, an increase of \$3.62 from December and \$8.46 above a year earlier. The January average price of barrow and gilts was the highest since July 1970.



MILK COW NUMBERS UP

The annual average number of milk cows on Wisconsin farms for 1971 was 1,856,000, an increase of about ½ percent from 1970. This was the first time since 1955 that the annual average number of milk cows on Wisconsin farms showed an increase. Milk cow numbers had remained constant during the early 1960's but declined 14 percent from the beginning of 1963 to the end of 1970. However, milk production per cow increased almost 16 percent during that period to offset the loss of cows.

Number of Milk Cows in Herds on Farms, Wisconsin, 1960-71 1/

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual
1,000 head													
1960.....	2,149	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150
1961.....	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150
1962.....	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,150
1963.....	2,150	2,150	2,148	2,147	2,146	2,145	2,144	2,143	2,143	2,142	2,141	2,140	2,145
1964.....	2,140	2,140	2,140	2,140	2,140	2,140	2,139	2,138	2,138	2,138	2,137	2,135	2,139
1965.....	2,128	2,120	2,110	2,100	2,090	2,080	2,070	2,060	2,050	2,040	2,030	2,020	2,075
1966.....	2,011	2,003	1,995	1,988	1,981	1,975	1,970	1,965	1,960	1,956	1,952	1,949	1,975
1967.....	1,946	1,943	1,940	1,937	1,934	1,931	1,928	1,925	1,922	1,919	1,916	1,913	1,930
1968.....	1,909	1,905	1,901	1,897	1,893	1,889	1,885	1,881	1,877	1,873	1,869	1,865	1,887
1969.....	1,862	1,859	1,856	1,854	1,852	1,850	1,849	1,848	1,847	1,846	1,846	1,846	1,851
1970.....	1,845	1,845	1,844	1,844	1,843	1,843	1,844	1,844	1,845	1,845	1,846	1,846	1,845
1971.....	1,847	1,848	1,850	1,851	1,852	1,854	1,856	1,858	1,860	1,862	1,864	1,865	1,856

1/Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

Milk Production per Cow, Wisconsin, 1960-71 1/

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual
Pounds													
1960.....	680	675	765	785	855	845	720	620	560	585	555	625	8,270
1961.....	671	639	760	760	825	855	725	630	575	615	610	675	8,340
1962.....	720	680	785	795	875	870	740	650	605	645	614	671	8,650
1963.....	700	665	775	795	880	875	735	660	610	650	630	695	8,670
1964.....	750	745	840	840	920	885	740	665	620	660	650	735	9,050
1965.....	785	740	855	860	920	890	775	685	617	630	625	685	9,080
1966.....	730	690	810	835	900	920	795	725	660	670	660	740	9,140
1967.....	780	735	820	855	920	925	835	755	690	705	680	740	9,440
1968.....	785	765	860	880	960	936	845	775	705	710	690	735	9,650
1969.....	775	740	855	870	965	980	875	800	725	710	690	765	9,752
1970.....	795	755	875	900	985	985	890	820	735	755	720	780	9,992
1971.....	820	780	890	915	1,010	1,000	895	825	760	775	720	785	10,172

1/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Milk Production on Farms, Wisconsin, 1960-71 1/

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual
Million pounds													
1960.....	1,461	1,451	1,645	1,688	1,838	1,817	1,548	1,333	1,204	1,258	1,193	1,344	17,780
1961.....	1,443	1,374	1,634	1,634	1,774	1,838	1,559	1,354	1,236	1,322	1,312	1,451	17,931
1962.....	1,548	1,462	1,688	1,709	1,881	1,870	1,591	1,398	1,301	1,387	1,320	1,443	18,598
1963.....	1,505	1,430	1,665	1,707	1,888	1,877	1,576	1,414	1,307	1,392	1,349	1,487	18,597
1964.....	1,605	1,594	1,798	1,798	1,969	1,894	1,583	1,422	1,326	1,411	1,389	1,569	19,358
1965.....	1,670	1,569	1,804	1,806	1,923	1,851	1,604	1,411	1,265	1,285	1,269	1,384	18,841
1966.....	1,468	1,382	1,616	1,660	1,783	1,817	1,566	1,425	1,294	1,311	1,288	1,442	18,052
1967.....	1,518	1,428	1,591	1,656	1,779	1,786	1,610	1,453	1,326	1,353	1,303	1,416	18,219
1968.....	1,499	1,457	1,635	1,669	1,817	1,768	1,593	1,458	1,323	1,330	1,290	1,371	18,210
1969.....	1,443	1,376	1,587	1,613	1,787	1,813	1,618	1,478	1,339	1,311	1,274	1,412	18,051
1970.....	1,467	1,393	1,614	1,660	1,815	1,815	1,641	1,512	1,356	1,393	1,329	1,440	18,435
1971.....	1,515	1,441	1,647	1,694	1,871	1,854	1,661	1,533	1,414	1,443	1,342	1,464	18,879

1/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Milk Cows and Milk Production by Months, United States
1969, 1970 and 1971

Month	Milk cows on farms 1/			Milk per cow 2/			Milk production 2/		
	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970	1971
1,000				Pounds			Million pounds		
January.....	12,819	12,563	12,410	734	750	771	9,415	9,421	9,570
February.....	12,796	12,550	12,399	690	707	726	8,831	8,876	9,006
March.....	12,766	12,533	12,389	785	807	825	10,025	10,115	10,223
April.....	12,745	12,517	12,374	805	824	844	10,256	10,314	10,440
May.....	12,720	12,496	12,360	871	886	905	11,073	11,071	11,189
June.....	12,695	12,479	12,350	845	859	877	10,728	10,723	10,836
July.....	12,674	12,470	12,341	801	819	836	10,149	10,210	10,316
August.....	12,656	12,458	12,334	764	783	803	9,673	9,758	9,903
September.....	12,628	12,442	12,320	725	740	760	9,158	9,202	9,365
October.....	12,614	12,438	12,306	723	747	765	9,114	9,291	9,419
November.....	12,594	12,432	12,291	690	711	728	8,687	8,840	8,950
December.....	12,582	12,421	12,282	734	751	767	9,236	9,328	9,423
Annual.....	12,693	12,483	12,347	9,166	9,385	9,609	116,345	117,149	118,640

1/Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY INVENTORY

The annual inventory survey of livestock and poultry on Wisconsin farms showed an increase in all cattle and chickens but a decline in hogs and sheep and lambs.

All cattle and calves totaled 4,241,000 on January 1, 1972, up 2 percent from a year earlier and the second consecutive year that cattle numbers increased 2 percent. The number of cattle and calves on Wisconsin farms January 1 was the highest since 1966. Milk cows, at 1,866,000, were 1 percent above January 1, 1971. Beef cows totaled 279,000, a gain of 9 percent from last year and 19 percent more than on January 1 two years ago.

Heifers weighing 500 pounds or more intended for beef replacement were down 2 percent from the previous year but milk replacement heifers were up 3 percent. Steers and other heifers weighing 500 pounds or more numbered 417,000 on January 1, 1972 compared with 416,000 a year earlier. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds totaled 852,000, an increase of 2 percent from January 1, 1971.

The number of sheep and lambs on Wisconsin farms January 1 continued to decline sharply. There were 141,000 sheep and lambs on farms January 1, 1972, down 7 percent from a year ago. Of this total, 21,000 were on feed for the slaughter market while 120,000 were stock sheep.

The 7,950,000 chickens (excluding broilers) on Wisconsin farms December 1, 1971 were 1 percent more than a year earlier. Hens and pullets of laying age, which accounted for almost 80 percent of all chickens, were 8 percent above the previous year.

Hogs and pigs on Wisconsin farms December 1, 1971 totaled 1,777,000, down 8 percent from a year earlier. Hogs kept for breeding numbered 275,000 while 1,502,000 hogs were being raised primarily for slaughter.

The total value of all cattle, hogs, chickens, sheep and lambs, and turkey breeder hens amounted to more than \$1¼ billion, an increase of 10 percent from a year earlier. The value per head for chickens and sheep and lambs was unchanged from the previous year but cattle, hogs, and turkey breeder hens showed increases.

Farmers valued all cattle at \$275 per head, up \$20 from last year. All hogs, valued at \$28.50 a head, were \$4.50 higher than the previous year. All sheep and lambs averaged \$21.50, the same as on January 1, 1971. Chickens, at \$1.25 each, were also the same as a year earlier. Turkey breeder hens were valued at \$5.50 each, up 10 cents from a year ago.

Number and Value of Livestock, January 1
Wisconsin

Class of Livestock	Number		Farm value per head		Farm value	
	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972
	1,000 head		Dollars		1,000 dollars	
Cows and heifers that have calved	2,103	2,145	360.00	—	757,080	—
Beef cows	257	279	—	—	—	—
Milk cows	1,846	1,866	—	—	—	—
Heifers 500 pounds and over	905	919	—	—	—	—
For beef cow replacement	95	93	—	—	—	—
For milk cow replacement	667	687	—	—	—	—
Other heifers	143	139	—	—	—	—
Steers 500 pounds and over	273	278	—	—	—	—
Bulls 500 pounds and over	45	47	—	—	—	—
Heifers, steers, and bulls under 500 pounds	832	852	—	—	—	—
All cattle and calves	4,158	4,241	255.00	275.00	1,060,290	1,166,275
Hogs and pigs 1/	1,932	1,777	24.00	28.50	46,368	50,645
Stock sheep and lambs	125	120	21.50	21.50	2,688	2,580
Ewes 1 year and older	98	95	—	—	—	—
Ewe Lambs	18	16	—	—	—	—
Rams and wethers 1 year and older	5	5	—	—	—	—
Wether and ram lambs	4	4	—	—	—	—
Sheep and lambs on feed	26	21	—	—	—	—
All sheep and lambs	151	141	—	—	3,247	3,032
Hens and pullets of laying age	5,850	6,326	—	—	—	—
Other pullets	1,897	1,544	—	—	—	—
Other chickens	95	80	—	—	—	—
All chickens 1/ 2/	7,842	7,950	1.25	1.25	9,803	9,938
Turkey breeder hens 1/	92	89	5.40	5.50	497	490
Total value 4/	—	—	—	—	1,120,205	1,230,380

United States

Beef cows	37,533	38,725	—	—	—	—
Milk cows	12,414	12,279	—	—	—	—
All other cattle	64,523	66,912	—	—	—	—
All cattle and calves	114,470	117,916	185.00	209.00	21,130,460	24,616,530
Hogs and pigs 1/	67,449	62,972	23.37	28.50	1,576,412	1,794,915
Sheep and lambs	19,597	18,482	—	—	463,570	423,531
Chickens 1/ 2/	441,447	435,460	1.21	1.23	535,008	534,729
Turkey breeder hens 1/ 3/	3,405	3,375	5.94	6.21	20,217	20,964
Total value	—	—	—	—	23,725,667	27,390,669

1/December 1 previous year. 2/Does not include commercial broilers. 3/U. S. totals are for 26 states with 10,000 or more breeder hens. 4/Includes cattle, hogs, all sheep, chickens, and turkey breeder hens.

BUTTER AND CHEESE STOCKS BELOW A YEAR AGO

Cold storage stocks of butter and cheese in the Nation at the end of January were below a year ago. Butter stocks amounted to 76 million pounds, 36 percent less than in storage on January 31, 1971.

Total cheese stocks in cold storage on January 31 amounted to nearly 296 million pounds, a decline of 8 percent from that date last year.

Cold Storage Stocks of Butter and Cheese

Commodity	Total stocks			
	January 31, 1970	January 31, 1971	January 31, 1972	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
	UNITED STATES			
Butter	77,359	119,258	76,154	— 36
Cheese, American	249,614	255,141	231,329	— 9
Cheese, Swiss	9,984	12,542	7,040	— 44
Cheese, all other	38,426	53,219	57,492	+ 8
Cheese, total	298,024	320,902	295,861	— 8
	WISCONSIN			
Butter	1,609	2,212	3,318	+ 50
Cheese, American.....	136,495	151,145	129,237	— 14
	GOVERNMENT STOCKS*			
Butter	51,309	94,727	55,408	— 42
Cheese, American	710	839	3,299	+ 293

*Included in above totals.

Manufacturers' Stocks of Other Dairy Products United States

Commodity	Dec. 31, 1969	Dec. 31, 1970	Dec. 31, 1971	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
Dried whole milk	6,576	4,706	4,000	- 15
Dried skim milk	86,476	101,023	88,479	- 12
Dried buttermilk	5,003	9,210	2,731	- 70
Condensed milk and Evaporated milk (case goods) 1/	106,854	115,733	88,576	- 23

1/Combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

MOST FARM PRODUCT PRICES UP IN JANUARY

Except for milk, eggs, and soybeans, Wisconsin farm product prices for the month ending January 15 either in-

Prices Received by Wisconsin Farmers

Commodity	Unit	January 1970	January 1971	December 1971	January 1972
Dollars					
Milk cows	Head	345.00	385.00	415.00	415.00
Steers and heifers ..	Cwt.	26.70	25.20	29.00	29.70
Cows	Cwt.	20.00	18.70	20.50	21.40
Calves	Cwt.	35.20	34.00	41.30	42.20
Hogs	Cwt.	25.70	15.70	19.70	22.20
Sheep	Cwt.	6.70	5.50	5.30	5.50
Lambs	Cwt.	26.70	23.10	24.00	25.90
Wool	Lb.	.36	.31	.24	.24
Chickens 1/	Lb.	.075	.085	.070	.085
Turkeys	Lb.	.270	.220	.230	.230
Eggs	Doz.	.560	.330	.320	.240
Corn	Bu.	1.12	1.41	1.10	1.10
Oats	Bu.	.65	.76	.70	.71
Alfalfa hay, baled.	Ton	19.50	20.50	21.50	23.50

1/Excludes broilers.

creased or remained unchanged from a month earlier. As a result, the index of prices received was 354 percent of the 1910-14 base, up 3 points from December and 23 points above mid-January last year.

Egg prices averaged only 24 cents a dozen on January 15, down 8 cents from December and 9 cents under a year earlier. The January egg price was 32 cents below two years ago and the lowest price for that month since 1960.

LOWER PORK SUPPLY REDUCES RED MEAT OUTPUT

Red meat production in Wisconsin's commercial slaughter plants during December totaled 113 million pounds, about 8½ percent below a year earlier. Beef production in December was up 1 percent from the previous year but output of pork was down nearly 20 percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

Area	Number		Change from last year	Liveweight	
	December 1970	December 1971		December 1970	December 1971
	1,000 head		Percent	Million pounds	
Cattle					
Wisconsin	104.0	104.0	N. C.	117.1	119.0
United States 1/ ..	2,971.3	2,868.8	- 3	3,119.4	3,009.6
Calves					
Wisconsin	40.5	33.5	- 17	5.3	4.9
United States 1/ ..	351.9	301.7	- 14	78.5	71.1
Hogs					
Wisconsin	389.0	316.0	- 19	93.7	75.5
United States 1/ ..	8,824.8	8,266.3	- 6	2,132.5	1,997.9
Sheep and lambs					
Wisconsin2	.4	+100	.019	.039
United States 1/ ..	887.0	885.5	N. C.	93.0	93.6

1/Excludes Alaska and Hawaii.

Weather Summary, January 1972

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Low	High	Mean	Normal	For month	Normal	Accumulative departure since Jan. 1
Amery	- 35	38	3	12	1.10	.73	+ .37
Superior	- 37	38	3	13	1.07	.97	+ .10
Spooner	- 42	37	4	12	1.29	.74	+ .55
Park Falls	- 39	38	3	12	1.61	1.09	+ .52
Rhineland	- 39	38	3	13	1.13	1.20	- .07
Medford	- 38	38	4	13	1.14	1.19	- .05
Marinette	- 28	41	11	20	.86	1.46	- .60
Antigo	- 38	39	7	16	.77	1.19	- .42
River Falls	- 28	38	7	13	.99	.90	+ .09
La Crosse	- 24	45	11	17	.57	1.19	- .62
Hatfield Dam	- 37	44	8	15	.92	.90	+ .02
Marshfield	- 33	39	10	15	.72	1.20	- .48
Hancock	- 34	41	10	16	.51	.98	- .47
Green Bay	- 28	40	10	16	.65	1.15	- .50
Oshkosh	- 28	41	13	19	.57	1.29	- .72
Sheboygan	- 24	42	17	21	.51	1.63	- 1.12
Manitowoc	- 26	41	14	22	.44	1.46	- 1.02
Lancaster	- 24	43	13	20	.40	1.29	- .89
Darlington	- 22	46	16	20	.47	1.35	- .88
Hillsboro	- 27	44	12	18	.67	1.11	- .44
Portage	- 26	44	14	20	.46	1.38	- .92
Madison	- 24	45	13	18	.40	1.40	- 1.00
Beloit	- 20	47	19	23	.43	1.63	- 1.20
Lake Geneva	- 21	44	18	22	.93	1.73	- .80
Milwaukee (airport) ..	- 22	45	16	21	.75	1.83	- 1.08
Average for 25 stations	- 29.8	41.4	10.4	17.1	.77	1.24	- .47

Livestock on Wisconsin Farms by Counties, January 1, 1971 and 1972

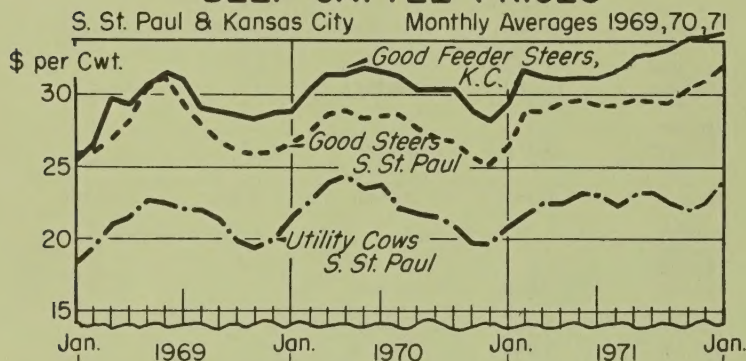
County	All cattle		Milk cows		All hogs 2/		Stock sheep	
	1971 1/	1972	1971	1972	1970 1/	1971	1971 1/	1972
	Number							
Barron	96,000	99,000	47,800	48,500	9,500	7,800	2,800	2,400
Bayfield	14,000	14,500	6,500	6,600	*	*	*	*
Burnett	17,500	18,000	7,000	7,200	2,500	2,000	1,200	1,000
Chippewa	99,000	101,000	50,000	50,200	10,500	10,000	1,700	1,600
Douglas	11,000	11,500	3,500	3,400	*	*	*	*
Polk	82,500	85,000	35,500	35,900	8,000	5,500	3,100	2,900
Rusk	38,000	39,000	19,800	20,300	1,700	1,400	*	*
Sawyer	10,000	10,000	4,500	4,500	1,200	1,100	*	*
Washburn	16,000	16,500	6,500	6,400	1,000	*	*	*
Northwest District	384,000	394,500	181,100	183,000	35,000	29,000	10,900	10,000
Ashland	9,300	9,500	4,800	4,700	*	*	*	*
Clark	122,500	125,000	66,500	67,300	17,500	14,600	1,100	1,100
Iron	1,900	2,000	900	800	*	*	*	*
Lincoln	23,000	23,500	12,000	12,300	1,800	1,800	*	*
Marathon	156,000	159,000	87,600	88,200	15,000	13,500	*	*
Oneida	2,000	2,100	700	800	*	*	*	*
Price	19,000	19,500	11,000	10,800	*	*	*	*
Taylor	51,500	52,500	30,600	31,500	4,800	4,800	*	*
Vilas	1,300	1,400	100	100	*	*	*	*
North Central District	386,500	394,500	214,200	216,500	40,500	36,000	3,000	2,700
Florence	3,600	3,700	1,300	1,400	*	*	*	*
Forest	4,900	5,000	2,000	2,200	*	*	*	*
Langlade	24,000	24,500	12,600	13,000	*	*	*	*
Marinette	28,000	28,300	13,000	13,400	4,600	4,600	*	*
Menominee								
Oconto	56,500	58,000	30,300	31,000	10,100	9,700	*	*
Shawano 3/	81,500	84,000	47,800	48,500	11,100	10,500	*	*
Northeast District	198,500	203,500	107,000	109,500	27,000	26,000	1,400	1,300
Buffalo	73,500	74,000	27,200	27,200	36,300	33,000	2,900	2,700
Dunn	92,000	93,500	38,500	38,800	23,500	21,500	3,900	3,800
Eau Claire	50,000	51,000	21,700	21,700	7,700	7,500	*	*
Jackson	42,000	43,500	18,000	18,700	14,600	13,500	1,200	1,100
La Crosse	49,000	50,500	19,800	20,300	23,500	22,000	*	*
Monroe	77,500	78,500	37,800	38,000	15,400	14,500	1,500	1,400
Pepin	23,500	24,000	9,600	9,500	12,500	12,000	*	*
Pierce	78,500	79,500	27,000	26,500	29,900	27,000	3,600	3,500
St. Croix	90,000	92,000	33,900	34,400	15,600	13,000	2,900	2,900
Trempealeau	93,500	96,500	34,000	34,900	29,500	26,000	2,500	2,500
West Central District	669,500	683,000	267,500	270,000	208,500	190,000	20,700	20,100
Adams	14,500	14,500	3,800	3,900	4,500	4,000	*	*
Green Lake	38,500	38,500	13,000	13,600	37,000	33,500	2,700	2,600
Juneau	34,000	33,500	12,000	12,300	11,700	11,000	*	*
Marquette	20,000	20,500	7,300	7,400	15,600	15,000	2,500	2,400
Portage	40,000	41,000	18,500	18,600	9,000	8,000	*	*
Waupaca	70,500	70,000	33,400	33,000	18,500	18,000	*	*
Waushara	28,000	27,500	12,800	13,000	10,000	8,000	*	*
Wood	51,500	51,500	25,700	26,200	5,700	5,500	*	*
Central District	297,000	297,000	126,500	128,000	112,000	103,000	9,200	9,000
Brown	82,000	84,500	39,100	40,000	10,800	9,500	*	*
Calumet	56,500	57,500	29,200	30,000	8,100	8,000	*	*
Door	33,000	34,000	15,800	16,300	4,500	3,500	*	*
Fond du Lac	104,000	108,500	50,000	51,500	67,300	63,000	2,300	2,200
Kewaunee	53,500	55,500	31,300	31,800	10,700	10,000	*	*
Manitowoc	86,000	88,500	43,000	44,200	15,300	14,500	*	*
Outagamie	91,000	94,000	45,900	46,500	30,500	30,000	*	*
Sheboygan	68,500	69,500	33,200	34,000	18,800	17,500	1,000	1,000
Winnebago	48,500	48,500	24,000	24,700	13,500	12,000	1,400	1,400
East Central District	623,000	640,500	311,500	319,000	179,500	168,000	7,500	7,400
Crawford	52,000	52,500	19,800	20,100	41,500	36,000	1,600	1,600
Grant	184,000	189,000	54,600	55,300	266,000	246,000	5,400	5,200
Iowa	109,500	111,000	39,300	39,600	76,500	71,000	4,900	4,900
Lafayette	117,500	120,000	42,600	43,300	151,000	144,000	3,500	3,500
Richland	68,500	70,500	30,200	30,600	22,500	17,500	3,200	3,000
Sauk	98,500	100,000	38,500	38,500	61,000	53,000	2,700	2,600
Vernon	96,000	99,000	46,000	46,600	19,000	16,500	2,900	2,800
Southwest District	726,000	742,000	271,000	274,000	637,500	584,000	24,200	23,600
Columbia	85,500	86,500	24,000	24,100	96,000	84,000	12,000	11,600
Dane	169,000	174,500	69,300	69,500	168,000	163,000	7,200	7,100
Dodge	135,000	136,500	63,200	63,600	90,000	82,000	4,000	3,800
Green	109,000	111,000	49,200	49,800	129,000	117,000	3,200	3,000
Jefferson	71,000	72,000	31,200	31,500	37,000	34,000	1,600	1,500
Rock	87,000	89,500	31,100	31,500	79,000	76,000	9,900	9,700
South Central District	656,500	670,000	268,000	270,000	599,000	556,000	37,900	36,700
Kenosha	22,500	22,500	10,500	10,200	9,400	8,500	1,000	1,000
Milwaukee	1,200	1,100	500	400	*	*	*	*
Ozaukee	24,000	23,600	11,600	11,200	10,200	9,500	*	*
Racine	24,300	24,300	9,500	9,000	15,300	14,500	2,200	2,000
Walworth	59,000	59,000	26,600	25,900	34,000	33,000	3,200	2,800
Washington	49,000	48,500	24,700	23,800	16,700	14,400	*	*
Waukesha	37,000	37,000	15,800	15,500	6,500	4,500	2,000	1,800
Southeast District	217,000	216,000	99,200	96,000	93,000	85,000	10,200	9,200
STATE	4,158,000	4,241,000	1,846,000	1,866,000	1,932,000	1,777,000	125,000	120,000

1/Revised. 2/Estimates for December 1. 3/Includes Menominee. *Less than 1,000 head but estimate is included in district total.

BEEF MARKET STRONG

Good grade steers at the St. Paul market averaged \$32.19 a hundredweight in January, up \$1.16 from December and \$5.71 more than a year ago. Utility cows at St. Paul averaged \$23.86 a hundredweight for January, a gain of \$1.22 from the previous month and \$3.08 above last year. Good grade feeder steers weighing between 600 and 700 pounds averaged \$34.28 a hundredweight at the Kansas City market during January, an increase of 22 cents from a month earlier and \$5.17 higher than a year ago.

BEEF CATTLE PRICES



MEAT STOCKS NEARLY EQUAL TO YEAR AGO

Total meat stocks in the Nation's cold storage facilities on January 31 amounted to 770 million pounds, nearly equal to

that date a year earlier. Beef stocks were 9 percent higher than at the end of January last year but this was offset by a 13 percent decline in pork stocks.

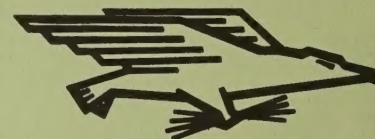
There were about 354 million pounds of beef in cold storage on January 31, a decrease of 11 million pounds from a month earlier but 28 million pounds more than last year. Almost 308 million pounds of pork were in cold storage at the end of January, a decline of 22½ million pounds from the previous month and about 45 million pounds under a year ago.

Cold Storage Stocks of Meat United States

Commodity	Jan. 31, 1970	Jan. 31, 1971	Dec. 31, 1971	Jan. 31, 1972	Change from last year
1,000 pounds					Percent
Beef:					
Frozen	357,440	315,880	356,420	345,491	+ 9
In cure and cured	10,896	9,801	8,227	8,289	- 15
Total	368,336	325,681	364,647	353,780	+ 9
Pork:					
Frozen	186,764	327,484	310,112	287,103	- 12
In cooler	23,673	25,090	20,276	20,747	- 17
Total	210,437	352,574	330,388	307,850	- 13
Other meats and meat products:					
Veal, frozen	10,671	9,226	8,964	9,199	N. C.
Lamb and mutton, frozen	17,074	20,526	19,260	16,442	- 20
Canned meats in cooler:					
Hams	36,935	44,274	52,862	64,370	+ 45
Other meats	16,597	18,377	18,721	18,525	+ 1
Total, all meats	660,050	770,658	794,842	770,166	N. C.

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